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Senator Rick Jones  
Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee  
P.O. Box 30036  
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**Re: Bicycle Safety Package of Bills (SB1029, SB1030, SB1076,  
SB1077, and SB1078)**

Dear Chairman Jones:

On behalf of the 29,000 employees of Henry Ford Health System (HFHS), I am pleased to support the "Bicycle Safety" package of bills.

HFHS is one of the nation's leading academic and integrated health systems. HFHS, headquartered in Detroit, MI, serves patients across the Detroit and Jackson metropolitan regions with six hospitals and an extensive network of medical centers, emergency rooms and outpatient services. The mission-vision of HFHS is to improve people's lives through excellence in the science and art of health care and healing by transforming lives and communities through health and wellness - one person at a time.

In keeping with our mission, HFHS continually develops innovative ways to address the social, economic and educational determinants of health that affect the communities we serve. The "Bicycle Safety" package of bills is aligned with one of our priorities - to help improve the built environment to promote active, healthy living. We know that physical activity can improve health and that physically active people live longer and have lower risks for chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and obesity.

As support for Complete Streets policies continues to grow, we are seeing our roads being used by more and more people to engage in healthy, physical activity, which is great result. Bicycling, for example, is increasing in popularity as a healthy, fun way to be physically active. As a result, improved infrastructure, such as bike lanes, are being built on Michigan roads to better accommodate bicycles. This makes it more important than ever to educate drivers on how to safely interact with cyclists on our changing roads.

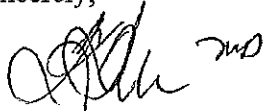


At the same time, Michigan lags behind other states in protecting vulnerable roadway users such as bicyclists, pedestrians and wheelchair users. Pedestrians and bicyclists made up a disproportionately high number of roadway fatalities in 2015. We need to help ensure that non-motorized users can safely share our roadways with cars and other motorized vehicles.

HFHS believes that the "Bicycle Package" of bills, which provide for improved driver's education focused on how to safely share the road with non-motorized users; clearer guidelines on how cars and bicyclists should interact on the road, and enhanced protections to non-motorized roadway users, will help to keep bicyclists, pedestrians and wheel-chairs users safe while they use Michigan roadways.

We thank you for your leadership and look forward to working with you to ensure passage of these important bills.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kimberlydawn Wisdom", with a small "MD" written to the right.

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cc: Senate Judiciary Committee Members  
Senator Margaret O'Brien  
Senator David Knezek